



MONMOUTH COUNTY
Construction Phase for Rumson-Sea Bright Bridge S-32 Replacement
on Rumson Road (CR520) over the Shrewsbury River
Borough of Rumson and Borough of Sea Bright, New Jersey

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTER SUMMARY
MEETING REPORT

DATE: Wednesday, October 27, 2021
TIME: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (brief presentation 4:30 p.m.)
LOCATION: Holy Cross Academy Auditorium/Gym
40 Rumson Road, Rumson NJ
ATTENDEES: Sign-in sheets available upon request

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of the Public Information Center (PIC) meeting was to provide an open house opportunity to introduce the Construction Phase Project Team, present the anticipated schedule, and view information on the bridge replacement, construction staging and traffic management. *(See attached PIC Notice.)*

MEETING SUMMARY

1. For social distancing due to COVID-19 concerns, two sign-in stations were created for sign-in and to receive handouts. Pens were sanitized after each use. A total of 101 individuals are indicated on the sign-in sheets. An estimated six to eight additional individuals chose not to sign in. A total of 17 project team members were in attendance to present project information and assist with questions from the public.
2. The PIC was held as an in-person public gathering. All attendees aged 2 and over were required to wear protective masks throughout the meeting in accordance with current CDC guidelines for health and safety concerning COVID-19 large gatherings within the Borough of Rumson, Monmouth County, New Jersey. For clear recording of the brief presentation, project team members removed their masks only while speaking at the podium.
3. A video of the presentation portion of the public meeting was posted to the project website for 30 days after the PIC was held, for those members of the public unable to attend or who did not want to assume the liability or risk of exposure to any illness or infectious disease, including COVID-19, by attending. The presentation slides and display boards are still available for viewing on the project website: www.rumsonseabrightbridge.com.
4. The meeting was designed as an open house with display boards showing bridge replacement plans and approach roadway intersection improvements. The project team members were available to answer questions at the display board areas before and after the brief presentation. A Project Information Handout and PIC Comment Form were distributed to the general public upon sign-in. The PIC Comment Form could be completed and handed in at the meeting or could be faxed, emailed or mailed to the Monmouth County Project Manager. *(See attached Project Information Handout and blank PIC Comment Form.)*
5. The brief project presentation began at 4:30 p.m. using PowerPoint presentation slides on an overhead screen and a podium for the speakers. Attendees were able to sit in chairs arranged for safe social

distancing as appropriate. The brief presentation was recorded on video for posting to the project website after the meeting.

- a) Martine Culbertson, Community Involvement Facilitator, welcomed everyone on behalf of Monmouth County, and the cooperating agencies of North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority and the New Jersey Department of Transportation.
 - b) The Construction Phase Project Team members introduced themselves.
6. After introductions, Joe Ettore, Monmouth County Engineer, began the presentation by thanking local officials and community stakeholders for their input and participation in early phases of the project. It is through everyone's contributions that the County is now constructing the needed bridge replacement and improvements with the County Commissioners' support and with use of Federal funding. Joe Ettore then provided the project overview and the anticipated schedule as listed on the PowerPoint presentation slides.
- a. R.E. Pierson Construction Inc. was awarded the contract to replace the Rumson-Sea Bright Bridge S-32 and to construct the related approach roadway improvements.
 - b. Hardesty & Hanover design engineers are now part of construction support and WSP engineers are now under contract to provide construction administration and inspection.
 - c. Members of the Project Team, including the Resident Engineer and the Contractor representative, presented information on the construction activities, staging and traffic management.
 - d. Martine Culbertson presented information on the project website, now updated for the construction phase to include travel advisory information and the opportunity to submit questions and comments at any time. The website address is www.rumsonseabrightbridge.com.
 - e. Special note: for emergencies or immediate attention to a situation at the bridge, please notify the local police authority in either Rumson or Sea Bright, who will coordinate with the County Project Manager and the Resident Engineer who oversees the work being done by the Contractor.
 - f. Any comments or questions received from the public within 30 days after the PIC meeting will be part of the PIC meeting summary report. Comments and questions after close of the public comment period will continue to be tracked and responded to by the County Project Manager. Frequently asked questions with responses will be posted on the FAQ page of the project website.
7. In summary of the presentation, Joe Ettore, Monmouth County Engineer, thanked everyone for their attendance and welcomed further discussions at the display board stations.
- a. Questions could be asked at any of the display stations, where everyone was able to continue social distancing from each other.
 - b. This allowed maximize exchange of information where multiple attendees simultaneously could have questions answered from the project team members best suited to answer specific questions at the display board areas.
8. During the open house format of the PIC meeting, the following key topics were part of verbal information exchange with project team members at the display boards :
- Timing of construction activity start near the bridge
 - Procedure for pre-construction surveys of properties near bridge
 - Vehicle and pedestrian access over the bridge will remain open through construction
 - Navigational channel remains open with same bridge openings as existing
 - New bridge to be built south of existing bridge and then existing bridge to be demolished
 - Contractor equipment and activity will occur on both Rumson and Sea Bright sides and in the river adjacent to the bridge as allowed by permits
 - County Project Manager is the key contact via project website or by calling the County Engineering office

9. A total of two (2) completed PIC Comment Forms were received at the public meeting. The PIC meeting closed at 6:00 pm.

Additional Notes:

10. During the public comment period open through November 30, 2021, a total of thirteen (13) individuals submitted sixteen (16) written comments via PIC Comment Forms, the website Contact Us form, and email.
11. A record of the PIC Comments received during the 30-day public comment period, with personal contact information redacted, is posted on the project website as a separate file from the PIC summary meeting report (*Construction PIC Meeting – PIC Comments Received*).
12. During the construction phase, questions and comments can be submitted at anytime via the project website (www.rumsonseabrightbridge.com) or via mail, fax or email to:

Andrés Roda, P.E., Project Manager
Monmouth County Division of Engineering & Traffic Safety
Hall of Records Annex
1 East Main Street, 3rd Floor
Freehold, NJ 07728
Fax 732-431-7765
info@rumsonseabrightbridge.com

We believe the foregoing to be an accurate summary of discussions and related decisions. We would appreciate notification of exceptions or corrections to the summary within three (3) working days of receipt. Without notification, it will be considered to be record of fact.
Bridge S-32 Construction Phase Project Team



Public Information Center Meeting Notice
MONMOUTH COUNTY
Replacement of Rumson-Sea Bright Bridge S-32
on Rumson Road (CR520) over the Shrewsbury River
Borough of Rumson and Borough of Sea Bright, New Jersey

Monmouth County, in cooperation with North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority, New Jersey Department of Transportation, and Federal Highway Administration, will be hosting an in-person Public Information Center meeting regarding the Construction Phase for Monmouth County Rumson-Sea Bright Bridge S-32 Replacement over the Shrewsbury River located between the Borough of Rumson and Borough of Sea Bright.

The purpose of the Public Information Center meeting is to provide an open house opportunity to introduce the Construction Phase Project Team, view information on construction staging and traffic management, and present the anticipated schedule. The public is invited to comment and ask questions regarding the project.

All attendees aged 2 and over are required to wear protective masks throughout the meeting, in accordance with current CDC guidelines for health and safety concerning COVID-19.

Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Time: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (open house with a brief presentation at 4:30 p.m.)

**Place: Holy Cross Academy Gym/Auditorium
40 Rumson Road, Rumson, NJ**

A video of the presentation portion of the public meeting will be posted to the project website, if you are unable to attend or do not want to assume the liability or risk of exposure to any illness or infectious disease, including COVID-19, by attending. The presentation slides and display boards will also be available for viewing after the meeting, on the project website: www.rumsonseabrightbridge.com

If you have a disability and require a reasonable accommodation to fully participate in this meeting, please contact Andrés Roda, Monmouth County Project Manager, (732) 431-7760. Requests should be made as soon as possible and no later than Monday, October 25, 2021.

Kindly submit any written comments or questions by November 30, 2021. During the construction phase, questions and comments can be submitted at any time in the following ways:

Mail: Andrés Roda, PE, Project Manager
Monmouth County Division of Engineering & Traffic Safety
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1 East Main Street
Freehold, NJ 07728

Fax: 732-431-7765

E-mail: info@rumsonseabrightbridge.com

Online: www.rumsonseabrightbridge.com

This meeting is open to all members of the public.



MONMOUTH COUNTY

Construction Phase for Rumson-Sea Bright Bridge S-32 Replacement on Rumson Road (CR520) over the Shrewsbury River Borough of Rumson and Borough of Sea Bright, New Jersey

PROJECT INFORMATION

Monmouth County is replacing the existing Rumson-Sea Bright Bridge S-32 on Rumson Road (CR520) over the Shrewsbury River and constructing improvements to the approach roadway intersections to maintain a critical transportation connection between the Borough of Rumson and the Borough of Sea Bright as well as a coastal evacuation route for the community of Sea Bright. Due to its age, the bridge has deteriorated over time and routine maintenance can no longer address the deficiencies.

Project Overview

A Local Concept Development (LCD) study of the Rumson-Sea Bright Bridge S-32 was completed in 2013 through the North Jersey Transportation Planning Authority (NJTPA) using federal funding in cooperation with the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), with Monmouth County as the project sponsor. Monmouth County as the project lead completed the Local Preliminary Engineering (LPE) phase in 2017 and the Final Design (FD) phase in 2020, continuing to coordinate with NJDOT, NJTPA, and FHWA. The bridge replacement project has been awarded for construction to R.E. Pierson Construction Company with field activity anticipated in Fall 2021.

Local Concept Development Phase

During the LCD phase, a well-defined Purpose and Need Statement was developed focusing on the need to improve safety and maintain the current crossing over the Shrewsbury River. Several conceptual alternatives were developed to meet the project goals and objectives. Upon completion of an alternatives analysis, a Preliminary Preferred Alternative (PPA) was recommended to replace the bridge with a new structure to the south of the existing bridge in coordination with the NJTPA, NJDOT, FHWA, local officials, community stakeholders, and permitting agencies. Resolutions of Support for the PPA were passed by the Borough of Rumson, Borough of Sea Bright and Monmouth County Board of County Commissioners (*formerly known as Chosen Freeholders*). Improvements to the Rumson Road (CR 520)/Ward Avenue intersection were also proposed along with improvements to the Rumson Road (CR 520) and Ocean Avenue (NJ Route 36) intersection in the vicinity of the bridge to better accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists.

Local Preliminary Engineering Phase

The LPE Phase involved performing engineering and environmental tasks required to obtain an approved National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document for the project. Right of Way and environmental impacts for the proposed project were identified along with the needed construction permits. Local officials meetings, community stakeholder meetings, and public information centers were also conducted during the LPE phase for the design development and environmental documentation required. The PPA for the proposed improvements to the Rumson Road (CR 520) & Ward Avenue intersection was modified during this phase. Improvements to West Park were included for a walkway to connect both sides of the park under the new bridge. Community outreach meetings with affected property owners and business owners were also held during the LPE Phase in addition to community stakeholders and public meetings.

Final Design Phase

The FD phase involved preparing the bridge and roadway intersection final design plans and construction contract documents including specifications and traffic management plans. During this phase, access modifications along with negotiation of needed property Right-of-Way (ROW) for construction of the project were completed and the needed environmental permits for construction have been obtained. Two community stakeholders meetings were held and the in-person public information center meeting to be conducted during this phase was modified to an online public information center meeting due to the

pandemic. The online public information center provided opportunity via the project website PIC page to watch a pre-recorded presentation and view final design plans, bridge improvements, and aesthetic elements for the new bridge such as architectural treatments and streetscape design elements.

Construction Phase

The new bridge will be constructed alongside the existing bridge so traffic flow and pedestrian access will be maintained during the entire phase of construction. Once the new movable bridge is completed, traffic will shift on to the new structure and the existing bridge will then be demolished.

Notifying the public with traffic advisories about temporary delays or detours during the bridge replacement construction will be provided via the project website. There will be continued community and public involvement efforts to maintain on-going awareness and communication as the construction activities progress for the bridge replacement and approach roadway intersection improvements in Rumson and in Sea Bright. The project website will provide traffic staging updates and inform the community and general public of outreach meetings and important project information.

Project Schedule (Phases)

Local Concept Development (LCD) Phase	2011 - 2013 completed
Local Preliminary Engineering (LPE) Phase	2014 – 2017 completed
Final Design (FD) Phase	2018 – 2020 completed
Construction Phase	2021 - 2025

Construction - Project Schedule (Major Milestones)

Award of Construction	Spring 2021
Start of Construction Field Activity	Fall 2021
Completion of Construction	Spring 2025

Construction - Community Involvement Schedule

Pre-Construction Public Information Center Meeting (Holy Cross Auditorium Rumson, 10/27/21 4-6pm)	Fall 2021
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For additional information and to submit any questions or comments during the construction phase, please visit the project web site: www.rumsonseabrightbridge.com

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Construction Phase: Public Comments & Questions

Please use the space below to provide comments or questions (please print legibly):

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone/Email: _____

Comments/Questions:

Kindly submit by November 30, 2021 or use this form at any time during the construction phase for questions or comments via mail, fax or email:

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